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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

VAHID MOJARAD HAMZEI,

Petitioner,

v.

ALBERTO R. GONZALES, Attorney
General,

Respondent.

No. 04-72465

Agency No. A95-177-701

MEMORANDUM^{*}

On Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted November 8, 2005 ^{**}

Before: WALLACE, LEAVY, and BERZON, Circuit Judges.

Vahid Mojarad Hamzei, a native and citizen of Iran, petitions pro se for review of an order of the Board of Immigration Appeals (“BIA”) affirming an immigration judge’s order denying his applications for asylum, withholding of

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^{**} The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

removal, and relief under the Convention Against Torture (“CAT”). We have jurisdiction pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1252. Reviewing for substantial evidence, *Berroteran-Melendez v. INS*, 955 F.2d 1251, 1256 (9th Cir. 1992), we deny the petition for review.

The record does not compel a finding that Hamzei is credible. *See Kaur v. Gonzales*, 418 F.3d 1061, 1064 (9th Cir. 2005). The BIA's adverse credibility determination was supported by specific and cogent reasons, that is, “such evidence as a reasonable mind might accept as adequate to support a conclusion.” *Berroteran-Melendez*, 955 F.2d at 1256. As such, Hamzei has failed to show eligibility for asylum, withholding of removal, or CAT relief. *See Farah v. Ashcroft*, 348 F.3d 1153, 1156-57 (9th Cir. 2003). To the extent Hamzei now argues that he is entitled to relief under the CAT on the basis of general country conditions alone, he failed to raise any such claim before the BIA, where he was represented by counsel, and we therefore lack jurisdiction to consider it. *See Garcia-Martinez v. Ashcroft*, 371 F.3d 1066, 1079 n.5 (9th Cir. 2004).

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.